Town of SHELBURNE

Conservation Commission

MINUTES

Regular Meeting ~ September 8, 2020

Present: Norman Davenport, John Richardson, Allan Smith, Ellen Jenkins

Absent: Steve McCormick

Administrative Assistant: Faye Whitney

Guests: Mark Shippee, Kate Buttolph, Alain Peteroy

Chair Norm Davenport opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m. A quorum was present. The meeting was held via Zoom.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by John, seconded by Allan, to approve the minutes of July 14. Roll call vote: Norm – yes; John – yes; Ellen – yes; Allan – yes. Motion passed 4-0-0.

A motion was made by Allan, seconded by John, to approve the minutes of August 11. Roll call vote: Norm – yes; John – yes; Ellen – yes; Allan – yes. Motion passed 4-0-0.

**Franklin Land Trust – Conservation Restriction**

The Patten Hill Farm Trustees are selling a 17-acre field to Mass Audubon and a Conservation Restriction is to be put on the property. Mass Audubon will own the land, FLT will hold the CR. The Commission was asked to sign a municipal certificate. Keeping the land from development will benefit wildlife habitat, provide watershed protection, protect scenic views, and adds to already protected adjacent property. The land is currently in Chapter. Kate said the Patten Hill Farm Trustees plan to meet with the Planning Board to make sure enough of the original property is retained to keep the existing barn and make a conforming lot. The Commission decided to take a vote at the next meeting, when the subject can be officially on the agenda.

**RDA Meeting – Shelburne Highway Department, Little Mohawk Road – 7:15 p.m.**

The Highway Department has applied for a MassWorks grant, which if received, would allow them to work on the entire length of Little Mohawk Road. The start date would be June 2021. Highway Superintendent Mark Shippee said he plans a full depth reclamation, digging up the existing surface to a depth of 8 to 10 inches. Drainage would be added from the ball field to Frank Williams Road. About 20 culverts would be replaced. The Commission felt this work was usual and customary maintenance and saw nothing concerning.

A motion was made by Norm, seconded by John, to approve the proposed work on Little Mohawk Road with a Negative 3 Determination, with the following conditions: 1) best management practices must be followed with regard to siltation prevention; 2) hay bales must be placed in critical areas. Roll call vote: Norm – yes; John – yes; Ellen – yes; Allan – yes. Motion passed 4-0-0.

The next meeting will be October 13.

At 8 p.m. John, seconded by Norm, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Norm – yes; John – yes; Ellen – yes; Allan – yes. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Whitney

Administrative Assistant

**Document List**

Minutes of July 14

Minutes of August 11

RDA Application from Shelburne Highway Department